



Glendale PD

Training and Project Lifesaver

Why?



My personal connection

Request for help from a Glendale residents

News Headlines

Local Autistic Child Struck, Handcuffed by Police

**Family Files Complaint After Autistic Man Shocked
With Taser And Arrested**

Police Officers Fatally Shoot Unarmed Autistic Man

**9 Year Old Autistic Boy Handcuffed and Arrested for
“melt-down” at School.**

Research Mode

- ▶ LAPD's "Mission Possible"
 - ▶ Hands on one on one day long experience for both the families and the officers.
 - ▶ Large number of families involved (over 100)
 - ▶ Cost very high
- ▶ Met Kate Movius and began discussing training options feasible for a smaller agency.

Implementation

- ▶ First training took place October 2011
- ▶ 1 hour of “Autism 101”
- ▶ Feedback from the officers
 - ▶ They wanted more!
 - ▶ Disclosure by officers regarding their own family members
- ▶ Discussion for the second training
- ▶ Second training took place August 2013 and was 2 hours in duration
 - ▶ 1st hour was a review of “Autism 101”
 - ▶ 2nd hour included clients and their family members

Benefits

- ▶ Officers began taking a step back when things didn't add up.
- ▶ Wanted to be more involved
- ▶ First Save was a big one! (Sergeant stepping in)
- ▶ Male running from officers in parking structure
- ▶ Young child running in front of a patrol car
- ▶ Assisting caregivers on the street corner

Video

Added benefits to using PLS

- ▶ Officers have to learn about these types of clients through training to use the equipment. Several hours of training is dedicated to learning about cognitive disabilities.
 - ▶ This portion of the training alone has translated to saves with our agency.
- ▶ Officers are building a rapport with the client when conducting battery changes and it is a learning lesson for both.
- ▶ Data base with all the PLS clients so information is shared with other agencies if the client goes into a PLS area.
- ▶ The more agencies join the program the more resources available to the community.